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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 27, 2000, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPO** 

## In the Claims

Please amend the following claims:

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28. (Twice amended) The soluble H4-1BB protein of claim 27 wherein the DNA molecule [specifically hybridizes to] comprises SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, or a combination thereof.

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The soluble H4-1BB protein of claim 24 which is encoded by [wherein the] a DNA molecule [specifically hybridizes to] comprising SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, or a combination thereof.

3/. (Amended) The soluble H4-1BB protein of claim 3/4 [wherein the DNA molecule encodes] which comprises amino acid residues 1-186 of SEQ ID NO:2.

## Remarks

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims, in view of the amendments and remarks presented herein, is respectfully requested. Claims 28 and 30-31 are amended. The pending claims are claims 5-6, 24 and 26-31. The amendments to the claims are intended to clarify Applicant's invention and are not intended to limit the equivalents to which any claim element may be entitled.

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